

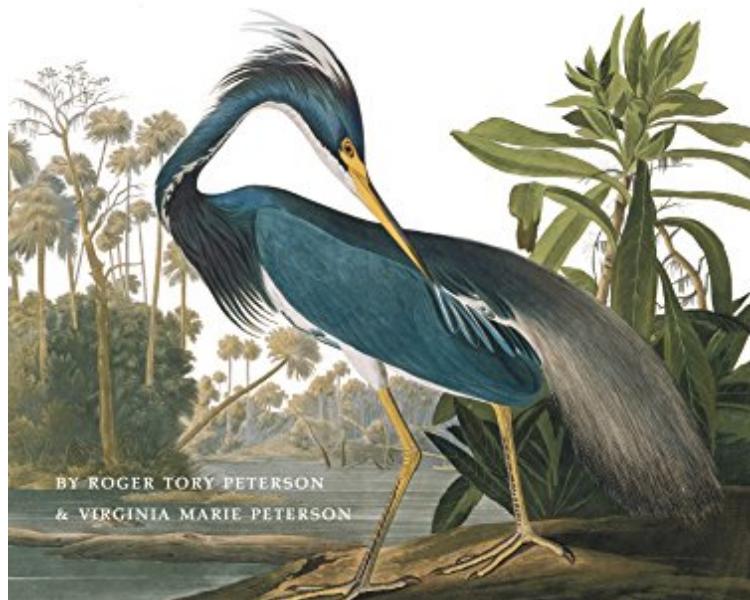
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childNice book. shipping was great and delivery fast so no quibbles there. Images are not quite as accurate as with other more recent publications such as the Sterling/Sibley effort, (which is gorgeous and a bargain). Most of the images in this book are good to very good, and a few are not so good. Dark colored birds lose some of their relief and detail. It is as if many images were underexposed if they had been photos. However what I do love are the wonderful annotations by Roger Peterson on each of the 435 birds. They were carefully researched and thoughtfully written. Also, unlike some criticisms, I like the ordering of the birds by genus and species. I can see how Audubon treated similar birds. So what the reader is getting with this Abbeville production is a combo art book and ornithological treatment of Audubon's birds, which makes sense given that Mr Peterson was so involved in the production. . The intro written by Mr Peterson is also excellent. One final word of caution the book is huge and heavy, that is good and bad. good because you get large bordering on poster sized images. Bad in that one does not easily handle this thing. Lastly the binding and overall physical construction is outstanding. Comes in a beautiful slip case.5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. The Birds of AmericaBy country galMy good friend and neighbor owned a book like this, but it was the smaller version. As soon as I layed eyes on it and poured through all of its wonder, I knew that I would have to find one for myself.I put the book on my Chrstmas list and before I knew it, I was at my grandmother's house for Christmas vacation and she got it for me.The book is absolutely magnificent and beyond comparison. It greatly surpasses other Audubon books.Description: All of Audubon's work in full size, unlike other books where most of the art plates are 3x4 images. Needs a sturdy table, weighs 15.4lbs and is exercise just to move it! Foreword by Roger Tory Peterson. Book I received came in a beautiful box case.This book makes a great gift, but the person who you are giving it to, needs to be in healthy and strong shape.Book is much too large for normal sized book case.

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